

**HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING - MINUTES
January 2, 2019**

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of the Hopatcong Borough School District was held on January 02, 2019 in the Board Meeting Room, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, New Jersey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. OPENING STATEMENT

Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary, read the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, this public body, the Hopatcong Board of Education hereby announces that The New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record have been notified by email that this Board of Education Special meeting will take place in the Hopatcong Board of Education meeting room, 2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ, at 7:00 p.m. on January 02, 2019.

4. REPORT OF THE 2018 SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Acknowledgment of the results of the November 2018 Board of Education Election as reported and certified by the Sussex County Board of Elections as follows:

Elected to Hopatcong Board of Education: 3 Year Term

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Ms. Carol Trumpore.....	2,385
Mrs. Candice Smith.....	3,123
Ms. Michele A. Perrotti.....	2,434

5. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary administers the Oath of Office to Ms. Carol Trumpore, Mrs. Candice Smith and Ms. Michele Perrotti.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Joseph entertained motions for nominations for Hopatcong Board of Education President for the 2018/2019 school year and 2019/2020 school year through December 31, 2019.

Mrs. Smith nominated Anthony Fasano to continue as Board President. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean. No other nominations were made.

Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes	Erin Jacobus	Yes
Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	No	Sarah Schindelar	ABSENT
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

Motion passed. Mr. Anthony Fasano will continue as Board of Education President.

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7. ELECTION BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Fasano entertained motions for nominations for Hopatcong Board of Education Vice-President for the 2018/2019 school year and 2019/2020 school year through December 31, 2019.

Ms. Trumpore nominated Mr. Alex McLean as Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Candice Smith.

Ms. Erin Jacobus nominated Ms. Michele Perrotti as Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perrotti.

Motion to approve Alex McLean or Michele Perrotti as Vice-President was put to vote:

Scott Francis	MCLEAN	Warren Gallagher	MCLEAN	Erin Jacobus	PERROTTI
Alex McLean	MCLEAN	Michele Perrotti	PERROTTI	Sarah Schindelar	ABSENT
Candice Smith	MCLEAN	Carol Trumpore	MCLEAN	Anthony Fasano	MCLEAN

Mr. Alexander McLean was elected as Hopatcong Board of Education Vice-President.

8 ROLL CALL:

- Mr. Scott Francis
- Ms. Erin Jacobus
- Mr. Warren Gallagher
- Mr. Alex McLean, Vice-President
- Ms. Michele Perrotti
- Mrs. Candice Smith
- Mr. Anthony Fasano, President
- Mrs. Carol Trumpore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Sarah Schindelar

Also Present: Mr. Art DiBenedetto, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Carolyn B. Joseph, Board Secretary, and Ms. Kerri Wright, Esq.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public commented that outgoing Board member Mr. DiStefano did try very hard and hopes that newly elected Michele Perrotti stands her ground and is an asset to the board. Another commented on the state aid losses reported in the Patch.

10. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

Approval of the attached list of **Board Meeting dates for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 school year** through the Reorganization Meeting in **January 2020** and notification of such dates to the official newspapers of the Hopatcong Board of Education.

11. APPOINTMENT OF NEWSPAPERS

Appointment of the *New Jersey Herald*, the *Daily Record* and the *Star Ledger* as the official newspapers used by the Board of Education at the Board Secretary's discretion.

12. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES

Approval of **Fulton Bank of New Jersey, Santander, and Valley National Bank** as bank depositories for the Board of Education and authorization for the President to be the signatory and have signature plates made.

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13. ADOPTION OF CODE OF ETHICS

Approval of the adoption of the Code of Ethics for Board members as required by law, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and N.J.S.A. 41:1-1 and 1-3.

Motion was made by Mr. McLean to approve Items 10 -13, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith.

Scott Francis	Yes	Warren Gallagher	Yes	Erin Jacobus	Yes
Alex McLean	Yes	Michele Perrotti	Yes	Sarah Schindelar	ABSENT
Candice Smith	Yes	Carol Trumpore	Yes	Anthony Fasano	Yes

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Scott Francis – Looking forward to a new year.

Erin Jacobus – Congrats to Carol Trumpore, Candice Smith and Michele Perrotti. Happy New Year.

Candice Smith – Start of third year, looks forward to working with Mr. Saxton and the new and former board members. Look forward to a productive year.

Michele Perrotti – Happy New Year.

Alex McLean – Congratulations to the Carol, Candice and Michele. Looking forward to working with Ms. Perrotti. We are going to have a successful year with a new leader.

Carol Trumpore – Thank you for coming. Happy New Year. Looking forward to working with this board.

Warren Gallagher – Congrats to Carol, Candice and Michele. It's not easy running for the board. Congrats to Anthony and Alex. We now have the right Superintendent, Business Administrator, Facilities Manager and Board.

Anthony Fasano – Thanks Board for 4th year as Board President. In 2018 we found ourselves in a position to be competitive and sustainable. We have a shared services resolution with the borough for salt and Class III officers; Innovation Labs; Budget passed with 0% increase; we battled mold. We are taking a tremendous step to the future of our schools by closing HMX; we have hired Mr. D who understands that the district must compete to grow. The BOE has been capable of tremendous things and has seen the implementation of full day kindergarten, public relations, partnership with United Way and Sussex County Community College; distribution and use of Chromebooks by students; lowered level of taxation; our student performance has improved. We need to provide even more opportunities for our students.

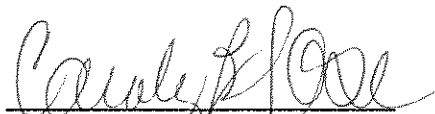
14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Trumpore, seconded by Mr. McLean.

All in favor

Time: 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn B. Joseph
Business Administrator/Board Secretary